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SUBJECT: ELECTIONS REFLECT CONTINUITY OF CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERSHIP

REFS A. PRAGUE 3158, B. PRAGUE 2686

1. SUMMARY: THE POST-1968 CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY-STATE LEADERSHIP THAT SUCCEEDED DUBCEK'S REFORMIST MOVEMENT REMAINS FIRMLY INTACT IN WAKE OF RECENT NATIONWIDE ELECTIONS HERE. COMPOSITION OF CZECHOSLOVAK LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE ORGANS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN FOUR STAGES SINCE THE GENERAL ELECTIONS OF OCTOBER 22-23 (REF A).

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NOT A SINGLE UPPER-LEVEL CHANGE HAS OCCURRED IN THE COUNCIL

OF MINISTERS SINCE THE MINOR RESHUFFLE OF SEPTEMBER 15 (REF B). THREE SECONDARY-LEVEL MINISTERIAL SHIFTS AT LEVEL OF CZECH AND SLOVAK REPUBLICS, AND SOME RESHUFFLING OF FEDERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN CARRY FORWARD THE PRACTICE OF MAKING ONLY MINOR ADJUSTMENTS IN THE STRUCTURE OF STATE LEADERSHIP.

END SUMMARY

2. NEWLY-ELECTED CZECH AND SLOVAK NATIONAL COUNCILS MET IN INAUGURAL SESSION NOVEMBER 3. EVZEN ERBAN AND VILIAM SALGOVIC RETAINED CHAIRMANSHIPS OF CZECH AND SLOVAK NATIONAL COUNCILS, RESPECTIVELY.

3. TWO CHANGES IN CZECH REPUBLIC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WERE ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 4; ANTONIN JAKUBIK TO BE MINISTER OF TRADE, AND KAREL POLAK TO BE MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION. IN SLOVAK GOVERNMENT,

VLADIMIR MARGETIN TAKES OVER MINISTRY OF FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION.

4. HOUSES OF FEDERAL ASSEMBLY MET SEPARATELY, THEN JOINTLY NOVEMBER 10. PRO-MOSCOW HARDLINER AND CZCP PRESIDIUM MEMBER, ALOIS INDRA WAS REELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY, WHILE DALIBOR HANES AND VACLAV DAVID RETAINED CHAIRMANSHIPS OF, RESPECTIVELY, THE HOUSE OF NATIONS, AND HOUSE OF PEOPLE. THERE WAS, ADDITIONALLY, SOME ROTATION AND CHANGE OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS.

5. ON NOVEMBER 11, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HEADED BY STROUGAL RESIGNED, RECEIVED HUSAK'S THANKS, AND WAS REAPPOINTED IN TOTO.

6. WE BELIEVE ADDITIONAL PIECemeAL CHANGES MAY WELL OCCUR IN COMING MONTHS. WE PRESENTTZ FORESEE NO MAJOR CHANGES IN THE PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.

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